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¶11. Emboff delivered reftel demarche to Erum Hasan, Advisor in the Multilateral Affairs Division at Environment Canada, on May 4. After consulting with senior officials, including Canada's CITES Scientific Authorities, Hasan responded on May 10 that Canada had yet to establish firm positions on the matters raised in demarche.

¶12. GoC officials are hoping to discuss the U.S. proposals, as well as the German proposals noted reftel with USG and Mexican officials at the upcoming meeting of the Trilateral Committee for Wildlife and Ecosystem Conservation and Management May 14-18 in Quebec City. According to Hasan, the GoC expects to determine Canadian positions on these proposals during those meetings. From the Canadian perspective, a major focus of the Quebec City meetings will be to try to reach a harmonized North American approach for the CITES COP 14 meeting. To date, Mission Canada has received country clearance requests for approximately 60 American participants in the Quebec City meetings, most of whom are USG officials from USFWS & DOI, State, USDA, NOAA, and USGS, but also including representatives from state governments and NGOs.

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